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Communist Activities

José, Abencón MEMESES Mora

REF: (HYP) 1855

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1. The files ( ) indicate that José MEMESES Mora, age 37, shoemaker, Costa Rican Passport No. 18417, arrived in Costa Rica from Panama on 9 March 1956. He departed Costa Rica via LACSA on 5 May 1956 for Panama. The card containing data concerning his exit visa states that Passport No. 18417 was revalidated on 2 May 1956 for the period ending 2 May 1958, and that MEMESES' local address was Calle 25 Sur, Casa No. 244, San José, Costa Rica. (Source: Evaluation: C-2)
2. The San José address given above is that of Carlos MEMESES Mora, a member of the Partido Vanguardia Popular (Costa Rican Communist Party - PVP) and probably a brother of Subject. Files indicate that Carlos MEMESES is a barber, born in 1920, who lives on Calle 25, entre Avenidas 2/4, contiguo a la Zepateña, San José. He was a member of the PVP Latin Hall.
3. This Station's files contain other evidence of Subject's Communist Party activities. In TTP-2329, there is additional information concerning his relations with the Partido del Pueblo (PDP). In (HRS) 161, his address in Panama was reported to be one of the foreign letter drops used by the PVP.
4. In (HRS) 598 (not sent (Panama)), he was listed as a member of the PVP, holding Carnet No. 1164 and a member of PVP cell Moreno Cañas in March 1949. He was further described as a shoemaker residing 100 varas south of the Pulperia La California in San José.
5. On 5 September 1956, (EUMANOYD-3) (E-2), a source with connections in high Communist Party circles, reported to (this Station) that Subject is the only contact between the PVP and the PDP for passing information, etc. Subject visited San José in April to visit his family.

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